ment of Sri Lanka would ensure that the armed forces will not carry out any further military operations in the area during this period.

2. When hostilities cease, in terms of Para 1 above the embargo (on the movement of certain commodities) now in force in the Jaffna peninsula will be lifted.

2 (a) If the LTTE is prepared to attend talks with the representatives of the Government of Sri Lanka towards a peaceful solution of the ethnic problem, appropriate talks may be held in New Delhi with the assistance of the representatives of the Government of India. The Government of Sri Lanka expects the Government of India to underwrite the implementation of any agreement so reached.

3. Upon the armed separatists giving up their arms—a vital step in strenthening the civil administration—a general amnesty will be given to them by the President of Sri Lanka.

4. When talks towards a peaceful solution to the ethnic problem commence the Government of Sri Lanka will release those persons now held in custody under the Prevention of Terrorism Act who have no charges against them.

5. In all these proceedings the mediatory role and the good offices of the Government of India are relevant. The Government of Sri Lanka reaffirms that the results of the discussions held so far, including the proposals of 19th December 1986, will be the basis for evolving a durable solution.

6. The Government of Sri Lanka is agreeable to an early date being fixed for the negotiations.

Visit of P.M.'s Emissary to Sri Lanka

426. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
DR. H.P. SHARMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Dinesh Singh was sent to Sri Lanka as a special emissary of the Prime Minister of India; and

(b) if so, in what capacity he was sent and what were the details of the message he carried and what was the response of the Sri Lankan Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Shri Dinesh Singh was sent as PM's personal emissary to meet President Jayawardene in Colombo. It would not be in the public interest to disclose the details of the discussions.

Review of India's nuclear policy

427. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA :
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing concern in the country at the nuclear weapons programme of Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether any review has so far been made of India's policy regarding the peaceful uses of nuclear energy; and

(c) what steps are being taken to match India's capability in the defence field to that of Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All developments having a bearing on the country's security are kept under constant review to ensure full defence preparedness.

Ethnic problem of Sri Lanka

428. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mediatory role of India has not succeeded in achieving a breakthrough of the ethnic problem of Sri Lanka;